



Pennsylvania Game Commission Hunter Safety Program . . .

10 Commandments of Shooting Safety

1. **TREAT EVERY GUN WITH THE RESPECT DUE A LOADED GUN.**
2. **WATCH THAT MUZZLE!** Carry your gun safely; keep safety on until ready to shoot.
3. **UNLOAD GUNS WHEN NOT IN USE,** take down or have actions open; guns should be carried in cases to shooting area.
4. **BE SURE BARREL IS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS,** and that you have ammunition only of the proper size for the gun you carry.
5. **BE SURE OF TARGET BEFORE YOU PULL TRIGGER;** know identifying features of game you hunt.
6. **NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANYTHING YOU DO NOT WANT TO SHOOT;** avoid all horseplay.
7. **NEVER CLIMB A TREE OR FENCE OR JUMP A DITCH WITH A LOADED GUN;** never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.
8. **NEVER SHOOT A BULLET AT A FLAT, HARD SURFACE OR WATER;** at target practice be sure your backstop is adequate.
9. **STORE GUNS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATELY,** beyond reach of children.
10. **AVOID ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** before or during shooting.

Observe the 10 Commandments of Shooting Safety. Constant correct gun handling insures continued pleasure from your favorite sport. The first requirement in using any firearm is to know and practice these common sense cautions. Know your gun and how to operate it properly and safely.

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KEEP PENNSYLVANIA A
SAFE HUNTING STATE**



PENNSYLVANIA GAME LAWS PERTAINING TO HUNTER SAFETY

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

1. For any juvenile under the age of 12 years to purchase a hunting or under 16 years to purchase a hunting license without written of parent or guardian.
2. For a licensed hunter between the ages of 12-14 to hunt unaccompanied by parent or guardian.
3. For a licensed hunter between the ages of 14-16 to hunt unaccompanied by someone ²¹/₁₈ years or older.
4. To hunt or discharge firearms or other deadly weapons within 150 occupied buildings without advance permission of owner or occupant.
5. For any person to shoot at any wild bird or wild animal while on a public highway, or a highway open to the use or used by the public.
6. To shoot across a public highway open to use or used by the public while hunting, unless the line of fire is high enough to preclude danger to the users thereof.
7. To hunt for small game in a party of more than five persons.
8. To hunt for deer in a party of more than 25 persons.
9. To carry a loaded rifle or shotgun in a vehicle.
10. To hunt while intoxicated.
11. To shoot at random or shoot at a target unless properly constructed 200 yards of camp or headquarters during big game season.
12. To use an automatic or semi-automatic rifle to hunt for any wild animal.
13. To use a magazine shotgun to hunt for any bird or animal other than big game unless it has been limited by a plug to a three-shell capacity magazine and chamber combined.
14. To shoot at game not plainly visible.

IN ADDITION:

1. The Commission may prescribe the type of firearms or bow and arrow and the type of ammunition to be used in any designated area of the Commonwealth in the interest of public safety.
2. Any individual involved in a hunting accident must complete a hunting accident report within 72 hours.